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Riverbend Hosts Virginia Indian Festival September 8th

Long before European settlers arrived on the shores of Virginia, the Native Americans lived in harmony with nature. The Fairfax County Park Authority invites you to spend a day exploring Indian lore and crafts, storytelling, dancing and culture at the Virginia Indian Festival, Saturday, September 8, 2007 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Riverbend Park in Great Falls. The festival will be held rain or shine. Cost is \$8 per person, with children two and under free.

The Virginia Indian Festival is an annual celebration that highlights the traditions of the Mattaponi, Pamunkey, Chickahominy, Piscataway, Upper Mattaponi, Monacan Nation, Piscataway Nation and Rappahannock tribes of Virginia. Activities include a wide array of demonstrations including tool making and flint knapping, dancing and drumming, storytelling, village life, and dugout canoe construction. Learn to throw a spear or shoot a bow and arrow. Purchase native pottery and crafts and enjoy a variety of refreshments from area vendors.

The Virginia Indian Festival is a history lesson come to life. Its fun for the entire family and it's nearby. Parking is located nearby with convenient shuttles to the activities. For more information about the festival or Riverbend Park, call 703-759-9018 or visit us online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.

Riverbend Park may be reached by taking beltway exit 44 (Georgetown Pike) west (approximately 4.5 miles) to a right on Riverbend Road. From Riverbend Road turn right on Jeffery Road and follow for approximately one mile to the park entrance.

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